IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Epstein et al.

FOR: STABILIZED APTAMERS TO PLATELET DERIVED GROWTH

FACTOR AND THEIR USE AS ONCOLOGY THERAPEUTICS

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REQUEST FOR FILING A NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

- This non-provisional patent application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 10/762,915, filed January 21, 2004, which claims priority to U.S. Ser. No. 60/441,357, filed on January 21, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/463,095, filed on April 15, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/464,179, filed on April 21, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/465,055, filed April 23, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/469,628, filed May 8, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/474,680, filed May 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/491,019, filed July 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/512,071, filed October 17, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/537,201, filed January 16, 2004; and U.S. Ser. No. 60/537,045, filed January 16, 2004; is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 10/718,833, filed November 21, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Ser. No. 60/428,102, filed November 21, 2002 and U.S. Ser. No. 60/469.628. filed on May 8, 2003; and is also a continuation in part of U.S. Ser. No. 10/---, entitled "Aptamer-Toxin Molecules and Methods for Using Same", filed on April 15, 2004; and this patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the following provisional applications: U.S. Ser. No. 60/464,239, filed April 21, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/465,053, filed April 23, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/469,628, filed May 8, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/474,133, filed May 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/474,680, filed May 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/486,580, filed July 11, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/489,810, filed July 23, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/491,019, filed July 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/503,596, filed September 16, 2003; each of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. The present non-provisional patent application is related to U.S. Ser. No. 60/461,966, filed April 10, 2003, now abandoned, and to U.S. Ser. No. 60/462,779, filed April 14, 2003, now abandoned, each of which is herein incorporated by reference.
- 2. This application is a total of 105 pages. This application includes:

98 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)

6 pages of claims

1 page of abstract.

- 3. This application includes 25 pages of drawings: Figures 1 through 25 (Informal).
- 4. A Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney (unsigned) is included (4 pgs.).
- 5. A sequence listing is included:
 Paper copy of Sequence Listing (34 Pages)
 Computer Readable Format of Sequence Listing (1 Diskette)
- 6. Statement in Support of Computer Readable Format (1 Page).
- 7. Small Entity status is appropriate for this application.
- 8. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	139	20	26	\$18.00	\$ 468.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	3	3		\$86.00	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	8	0	0	\$290.00	\$2,320.00
	SUBTOTAL: Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity: TOTAL FEE:				\$3,558.00
					\$1,779.00
					\$1,779.00

9. A check (#18521) in the amount of \$1,779.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 23239-558A (ARCH-58A).

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